



2015 MASSACHUSETTS VICTIM RIGHTS MONTH

Awards Ceremony

April 8, 2015

Grand Staircase

Massachusetts State House

To commemorate Victim Rights Month in April, Attorney General Maura Healey, the Victim and Witness Assistance Board, and the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) will host the Victim Rights Awards Ceremony at the Massachusetts State House on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. This annual event serves as an opportunity to honor individuals and agencies that have made significant achievements over the past year in promoting victim rights and services.

AGENDA

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| 9:00-9:30 | Networking/Seating/Light Refreshments at Grand Staircase |
| 9:30-9:35 | Call to Order and Welcome
<i>Attorney General Maura Healey</i> |
| 9:35-9:50 | Remarks by Executive Director/Proclamation of Victim Rights Month
<i>Liam Lowney, MOVA Executive Director</i> |
| 9:50 -10:15 | Presentation of Awards |
| 10:15-10:25 | Recognition of Mintz-Levin/Paul Poth Scholars
<i>Attorneys Sue Finegan & Adam Sisitsky, Mintz Levin</i> |
| 10:25-10:50 | Presentation of Awards |
| 10:50-11:00 | Closing Remarks |

Awards to be Presented

GERARD D. DOWNING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Martha Coakley, *Former Attorney General, Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General*

The Gerard D. Downing Leadership Award is a prestigious honor for an agency leader (public or private) who has demonstrated unwavering commitment to advancing the rights of crime victims and is recognized by his or her colleagues for their efforts in advancing victim rights.

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY AWARD

Annette Presti

The Public Policy Advocacy Award is a prestigious honor for a survivor of crime who has transformed his/her experience of victimization into positive change through leadership in promoting legislation and policy that furthers rights and services to victims and survivors.

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Niki Tsongas, *Congresswoman, U.S House of Representatives*

The Legislator of the Year Award is a prestigious honor for a legislator who has made outstanding contributions to the Victim Rights Movement by promoting legislation and policy that furthers rights and services to victims and survivors.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

Judy Norton, *Director of the Victim Services Unit, Sex Offender Registry Board*

Ellen Wilbur, *Legal Director, Community Legal Services and Counseling Center*

The Access to Justice Award is a prestigious honor for an individual survivor, service provider, agency or organization (criminal justice and/or community based) whose leadership and outreach efforts have made victim rights and services more available and accessible to underserved populations.

INNOVATIONS AWARD

Jackie Lamont, *Director Youth Safety and Outreach, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office*

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), Clinical Services Program

The Innovation Award is a prestigious honor for an individual survivor, service provider, agency or organization (criminal justice and/or community based) who has developed innovative programs or policies to help crime victims.